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UNDP BOURNE

GENEVA -- THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE UNITED
NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) SHOULD COORDINATE
AT COUNTRY LEVEL ALL U.N. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES--
NOT JUST THOSE FUNDED BY UNDP.

AMERICAN DELEGATE PETER G. BOURNE TOLD THE 48-NATION
UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL HERE JUNE 14 THAT SUCH EXPANDED
COORDINATION WOULD PROVIDE GREATER "EFFICIENCY AND
EFFECTIVENESS" AND PROVIDE GREATER BENEFITS TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

WITH THE PRESENT FRAGMENTED SYSTEM UNDER WHICH TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY U.N. AGENCIES OTHER THAN
UNDP ARE NOT COORDINATED BY UNDP COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES,
HE SAID, "BOTH DONORS AND RECIPIENTS ARE GETTING LESS
VALUE THAN THEY SHOULD FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES."

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PACKAGES UNDER WHICH UNDP EXPECTS
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TO PROVIDE 322.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE TO A DOZEN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OVER SIX YEARS ENDING IN 1982 ARE UP
FOR APPROVAL DURING THE CURRENT COUNCIL SESSION.

ALSO UP FOR APPROVAL IS A PROJECT FOR TESTING AND
DEVELOPING UNDER FIELD CONDITIONS SOLAR-POWERED PUMPING
STEMS FOR WATER SUPPLY AND MINOR IRRIGATION. THE TESTS

ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN INDIA, MALI, THE PHILIPPINES
AND SUDAN.

DR. BOURNE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOR
HEALTH AFFAIRS, SAID IMPROVED COORDINATION OF U.N.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRES NATIONS "TO BUILD UPON
THE STRENGTHS OF UNDP AND TO RECOGNIZE AND ATTEMPT
TO IMPROVE WEAKNESSES WHERE THEY MAY EXIST.

"IT ALSO REQUIRES STRONG CONCERTED ACTION TOWARD RELATED
ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE UNDP FRAMEWORK."

HE SAID THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS IDENTIFIED TWO AREAS
OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WHICH AFFECT PARTICIPATION OF THE
POOR IN DEVELOPMENT -- INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND FOOD AND
NUTRITION -- AND IS UNDERTAKING SPECIAL INITIATIVES
IN BOTH FIELDS.

ECHOING WHAT U.S. HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
SECRETARY JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR., TOLD THE WORLD HEALTH
ASSEMBLY HERE LAST MONTH, DR. BOURNE REITERATED HIS
GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO "ENHANCE AND STRENGTHEN ITS
COMMITMENT IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, WITH
SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SUCH PROBLEMS AS PROVIDING CLEAN
DRINKING WATER AND THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
BLINDNESS."

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AS A SECOND INITIATIVE, HE ANNOUNCED, "WE PLAN TO
ESTABLISH A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON WORLD HUNGER
WHICH, OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WILL MAKE SPECIFIC,
PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEANS OF ENSURING ADEQUATE
FOOD AND NUTRITION FOR ALL PEOPLE AND WILL SEEK TO MO-
BILIZE THE RESOURCES OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THESE
STRATEGIES."

DR. BOURNE REMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT "PRESIDENT CARTER
IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND TO BUILDING THE
STRENGTH AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS
INVOLVED WITH THE MANY ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT. . .

"THERE ARE CERTAIN BASIC HUMAN ASPIRATIONS WHICH EXIST
NO MATTER WHERE PEOPLE LIVE OR WHAT POLITICAL STRUCTURE
THEY ARE UNDER.

"THEY INCLUDE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER, PHYSICAL SUFFERING,
WAR, PESTS, POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND SERVITUDE
TO OTHERS, HAVING ADEQUATE SHELTER AND THE OPPORTUNITY

TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN GROW UP AS HEALTHY AND EDUCATED
INDIVIDUALS ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THEIR SOCIETIES.

"OUR EFFORTS TO MEET THESE ASPIRATIONS ARE LINKED TO, BUT
ALSO TRANSCEND, THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

"WHILE ITS RESOURCES AND MANDATE ARE LIMITED, UNDP CAN,
NONETHELESS, HELP TO MEET SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF
THESE GOALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO THE CAPACITY
OF THE POOR TO PARTICIPATE IN, AND BENEFIT FROM, THEIR
COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH."

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ATTACK ON POVERTY."

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